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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
APPLICATION NO. 10/648,184

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Application No.: 10/648,184
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For: Synthetic Microspheres and Methods
of Making Same

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Commissioner for Patents
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 26, 2006**

Dear Sir:

This is intended to be a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, having a shortened statutory

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period for response extended two months to expire on December 26, 2006. Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of \$250.00 for one (1) additional independent claim and one additional claim to Deposit Account No. 07-0153 of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP and reference Attorney Docket No. 129843-1099.

With this Amendment and Response, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided with this paper as provided in **Amendments to the Claims** that begin on page 3, **Remarks** that begin on page 10; and **Conclusion** that begins on page 19 of this paper.